

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.25193 - In re: Michael A. Hall. Disciplinary Commission.

The petitions by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and respondent Michael A. Hall for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board are allowed. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Michael A. Hall shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25201 - In re: Christopher M. Stone. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Review Board is allowed. Respondent Christopher M. Stone is transferred to inactive status until further order of Court pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 758.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25209 - In re: Ross Lee Haith II. Disciplinary Commission.

The petition by respondent Ross Lee Haith II for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board is denied. This cause is remanded to the Hearing Board for the narrow purpose of hearing evidence in mitigation and aggravation of respondent's misconduct and evidence and argument regarding the appropriate sanction to be recommended to the Court, as recommended by the Review Board.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25222 - In re: Judd Barton James. Disciplinary Commission.

The petitions by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission and respondent Judd Barton James for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board are allowed. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months and until he successfully completes the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Professionalism Seminar.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Judd Barton James shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25228 - In re: Eugene W. Beeler, Jr. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board is allowed, and respondent Eugene W. Beeler, Jr. is suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25229 - In re: Edward Arthur Voci. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board is allowed, and respondent Edward Arthur Voci is suspended from the practice of law for ninety (90) days.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Edward Arthur Voci shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25235 - In re: Laurel Sue Hickman. Disciplinary Commission.

The petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b) is allowed, and respondent Laurel Sue Hickman is suspended from the practice of law for thirty (30) days and until she makes restitution to Deborah Brom in the amount of \$2,700 and Susan McSwine in the amount of \$2,696. Respondent Laurel Sue Hickman is required to successfully complete the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Professionalism Seminar within one (1) year of the Court's final order of discipline.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Laurel Sue Hickman shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from her conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25239 - In re: Beth Ann Broyles. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board is allowed, and respondent Beth Ann Broyles is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25243 - In re: Thomas A. Krieg. Disciplinary Commission.

The petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b) is allowed, and respondent Thomas A. Krieg is suspended from the practice of law for sixty (60) days and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a two (2) year period of probation subject to the following conditions:

a. Respondent shall abstain from the usage of alcohol and any unprescribed controlled substances;

b. Respondent shall, as required by the Administrator, submit to random substance testing by a qualified mental health professional or facility approved by the Administrator, within eight (8) hours of receiving notice by the Administrator that he shall submit to the testing. The results of the tests shall be reported to the Administrator. Respondent shall pay any and all costs of such testing;

c. Respondent shall attend meetings as scheduled by the Commission probation officer. Respondent shall submit quarterly written reports to the Commission probation officer concerning the status of his practice of law and the nature and extent of his compliance with the conditions of probation;

d. Respondent shall participate in a 12-step program such as Alcoholics Anonymous, by attending at least one meeting a week. Respondent is to maintain a log of his attendance at the meetings and submit it to the Administrator with his quarterly reports;

e. Respondent shall obtain a sponsor in the 12-step program and shall provide the name, address and telephone number of the sponsor to the Administrator within sixty (60) days of being placed on probation. Respondent shall request that the sponsor communicate with the Administrator in writing on a quarterly basis regarding respondent's participation and progress in the 12-step program and report any lapses in sobriety or usage of unprescribed controlled substances to the Administrator within seventy-two (72) hours of his knowledge of that usage. Until such time as respondent obtains a sponsor, he shall maintain his counseling relationship with Chrissy Smith, LCSW, and shall authorize her to report to the Administrator as described above;

f. Respondent shall submit independent verification every quarter to confirm respondent's abstinence in his workplace or report any lapses of abstinence. The independent verification shall be in the form of a letter submitted by an attorney who is familiar with respondent's law practice and who is approved by the Administrator;

g. Respondent shall report to the Administrator any lapse in his sobriety or usage of any unprescribed controlled substances within seventy-two (72) hours of that usage;

h. Respondent shall comply with the provisions of Article VII of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules on Admission and Discipline of Attorneys and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and shall timely cooperate with the Administrator in providing information regarding any investigations relating to his conduct;

i. Respondent shall reimburse the Commission for costs of this proceeding as defined in Supreme Court Rule 773 and shall reimburse the Commission for any further costs incurred during the period of probation;

j. At least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of the period of probation, respondent shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct;

k. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within seven (7) days of any arrest or charge alleging his violation of any criminal or quasi-criminal statute or ordinance;

1. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address; and

m. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the terms of probation. The sixty (60) day period of suspension shall commence from the date of the determination that any term of probation has been violated and shall continue until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25244 - In re: Sean Michael Malatesta. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by movant Sean Michael Malatesta to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a) is continued to June 15, 2012 to permit movant to file a new affidavit that strictly conforms to the alternative language of Supreme Court Rule 762(a)(2), if movant desires to maintain the motion. If a new affidavit is not filed by the due date, the name-strike motion will be denied without further notice.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25248 - In re: Kevin Odell Pritchett. Disciplinary Commission.

The petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b) is allowed, and respondent Kevin Odell Pritchett is suspended from the practice of law for five (5) months.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Kevin Odell Pritchett shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25259 - In re: Oscar Gallo, Jr. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Review Board is allowed, and respondent Oscar Gallo, Jr. is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) months.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Oscar Gallo, Jr. shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25260 - In re: Kevin F. Plachta. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by Kevin F. Plachta to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a) is allowed, effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25283 - In re: Brian Christopher Witter. Disciplinary Commission.

The petition by respondent Brian Christopher Witter for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board is denied. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for four (4) months and until he successfully completes the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Professionalism Seminar, as recommended by the Review Board.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Brian Christopher Witter shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

Thomas, J., took no part.

M.R.25286 - In re: Susan Elizabeth Emrich. Disciplinary Commission.

The petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763 is allowed, and respondent Susan Elizabeth Emrich, who has been disciplined in the State of California, is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Illinois for three (3) years, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a five (5) year period of probation subject to the conditions imposed upon respondent by the Supreme Court of California, including an actual suspension during the first two (2) years of probation, and until she is reinstated in California.

Respondent Susan Elizabeth Emrich shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from her conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension/probation.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25287 - In re: Christopher Frank Keller. Disciplinary Commission.

The petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b) is allowed, and respondent Christopher Frank Keller is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years and until he has paid all income taxes due and owing for tax years 2003, 2004 and 2005 in the amount as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Suspension effective June 8, 2012.

Respondent Christopher Frank Keller shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25288 - In re: Jay Fernand Fortier. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by Jay Fernand Fortier to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a) is allowed, effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.25306 - In re: David Milton Svec. Disciplinary Commission.

The motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Review Board is allowed, and respondent David Milton Svec is censured.

Order entered by the Court.